Pakistan's Reluctance to Grant India Men Status

1042. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a reported statement by the Pakistan Commerce Secretary expressing that country's reluctance to grant India the 'Most Favoured Nation' status;

(b) in case, the report is true, whether there is any proposal to take up the matter with the World Trade Organisation; and

(c) whether this matter is also intended to be sorted out with the assistance of the SAARC Secretariat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BULLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) It has been reported that while speaking to newspersons at a luncheon meeting of the SAARC Committee on Econoic Cooperation organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 28 October 1996, the Pakistan Commerce Secretary mentioned that the Pakistani Government is examining reports presented by its trade and other bodies on ways to enhance trade and economic cooperation with India, including infrastructure, subsidies and non-tariff barriers. He is reported to have stated that the delay in extending MFN status arose out of inadequate rail and road infrastructure.

While there is no proposal at present to raise the issue of reluctance of Pakistan to grant MFN status to imports from India in the World Trade Organisation, this issue has been taken up with Pakistan bilaterally through diplomatic channels. The SAARC Charter does not provide for any formal discussion of bilateral issues.

Iron-Ore Mines Under SAIL

1043. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of iron ore mines under Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal for expansion of mining activities in some of those mines during 9th Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) SAIL operates nine Iron Ore Mines as given below:—

1.	Kiriburu	Bihar
2.	Meghahataburu	Bihar
3.	Gua	Bihar
4.	Chiria	Bihar
5.	Barsua	Orissa
6.	Kalta	Orissa
7.	Bolani	Orissa
8.	Dalli	M.P.
9.	Rajhara	M.P.

(b) Investment proposals for 9th Plan period have not yet been finalised.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Recommendations of the National Commission on Rural Labour

1044. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations of the National Commission on Rural Labour; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The action taken report on the recommendations of National Commission on Rural Labour has already been laid on the Table of the House on 03.02.1993.

Proposal to divide KVIC into four separate bodies

1045. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to divide the existing KVIC into four separate bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the large administrative structure of KVIC is impeding proper administrative supervision; and

(d) steps proposed to carefully monitor KVIC?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of the then Prime Minister had recommended for restructuring the staffing pattern and pay scales for attracting right kind of technical personnel. KVIC is in the process of restructuring itself accordingly.

Receipt of foreign direct investment

1046. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether receipt of foreign direct investment by some States and the Union Territories is on a top position;

(b) if so, names of such States and Union Territories with sources of such F.D.Is;

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures to raise the level of receipt of F.D.Is of other States and Union Territories in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) 5252 proposals involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 86329.05 crores have been approved by the Government during the period from 1.8.91 to 30.9.96. State-wise break-up of these proposals is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The choice of location of projects depends on the commercial judgement of the investors. It depends on availability of adequate and dependable infrastructure facilities as power, land, water etc. The State Governments also provide incentives and subsidies for attracting investment as industrial development within the state is their responsibility. Many State Governments have been actively encouraging foreign investment through various promotional measures. The Central Government supports and supplements such efforts of State Governments through incentives like the Growth Centre, Transport subsidy schemes, Income tax relief for units in backward areas and creation of separate Development Bank for North Eastern Region.

Statement

State-wise Break up of Foreign Direct Investment cases Approved by Government during the period from 1.8.91 to 30.9.96.

State	Aug'91-Sep'96	
	No.	Inves. (Rs. Crore)
Others	1615	24928.65
Delhi	412	16556.04.
Maharashtra	753	11437.14
Tamil Nadu	483	5006.99
West Bengal	157	4897.17
Karnataka	381	4747.16
Orissa	40	2720.93
Gujarat	225	5766.03
Uttar Pradesh	198	2407.13
Andhra Pradesh	268	2207.59
Madhya Pradesh	93	2021.12
Punjab	60	800.74
Haryana	239	691.73
Rajasthan	119	516.75
Kerala	56	509.93
Himachal Pradesh	20	318.62
Goa	32	260.05
Pondicherry	27	250.75
Bihar	26	114.75
Chandigarh	12	72.46
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	14	66.39
Arunachal Pradesh	2.	11.06
Jammu and Kashmir	1	8.01
Daman & Diu	7	5.72
Meghalaya	1	2.50
Assam	4	1.50
Andaman & Nicobar	5	0.98
Tripura	1	0.68
Lakshadweep	1	0.50
	5252	86329.05